

Pearson returns to St. Ansgar's Sunday

Retired Pastor Dan Pearson, who served the St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church congregation from 1958 to 1972, will preach at services there this Sunday. Services begin at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Pearson's daughter, Maureen Pearson Armstrong, will also attend the service, playing organ as she did when the family lived here.

A special forum program on Sunday, Oct. 9, is also planned between services.

What is the origin of the name of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls? Dr. Reider Dittman, Professor Emeritus of art and Norwegian at St. Olaf College in Northfield, will talk about St. Ansgar and his influence on the introduction of Christianity into

the Scandinavian countries.

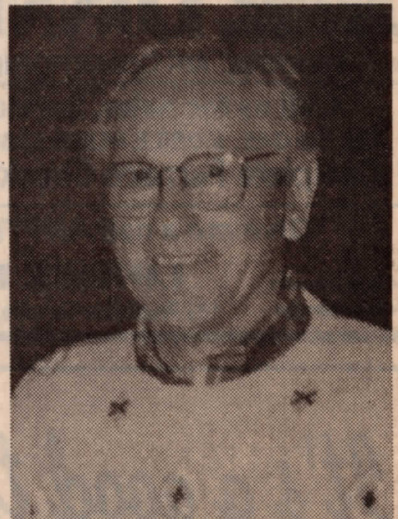
At the age of 18, Dittman was imprisoned by the Nazis at Buchenwald during World War II. Following the war, he received a scholarship to St. Olaf College, where he was subsequently a professor.

Activities this Sunday are a part of the 5-week observance of the 125th anniversary of the St. Ansgar's congregation. This week, congregation members will focus on the era from 1944-1969. A special skit will highlight events from that time period.

The church anniversary will wrap up with a banquet and special program on Saturday, Oct. 15. The theme of the anniversary celebration is "Know the Past, Live the Future."



Pastor Daniel Pearson



Dr. Reider Dittman